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## Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: Elevated, Cyber: Elevated**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

*October 14, Associated Press* — **Former U.S. vice president warns American seaports, nuclear plants vulnerable.** Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore warned Tuesday, October 14, that security is too lax at American seaports and nuclear plants because extra attention has been placed on protecting airports from terrorist attacks. "All the attention on airports has come partly at the expense of the very little attention being paid to seaports," he said in an address on security technology. "Where the safety of cities is concerned, most are quite vulnerable to weapons of mass destruction or other threats to the population smuggled into seaports where security has been extremely lax," Gore said. **He also said that the U.S. agency responsible for protecting nuclear installations has "urgently requested" more security guards. But a hiring freeze has kept the agency from adding personnel, he said. "Nuclear power plants and the facilities where nuclear weapons are produced and stored have not been the targets of terrorists in the past but that does not mean they will not be in the future," he said.**

Source: [http://uaelp.pennnet.com/news/display\\_news\\_story.cfm?Section=WIREN&Category=HOME&NewsID=88526](http://uaelp.pennnet.com/news/display_news_story.cfm?Section=WIREN&Category=HOME&NewsID=88526)

2. *October 13, Reuters* — **U.S. and Europe see tight winter fuel supplies.** The United States and Europe are facing a winter marked by tight heating oil supplies that could bring price spikes when the weather turns frigid, energy experts said on Monday, October 13. **Heating oil supplies are lingering well-below last year's levels and winter weather in the U.S. — the world's largest energy consumer — is forecast to rival last year's cold which sent retail prices surging to all-time highs. Adding to the tight scenario, exports from Russia, a key supplier to the U.S. and western Europe, are forecast to be lower than normal due to a strong internal market, and supply-starved Germany is likely to compete for any available shipments,** analysts and industry players said. The U.S. government is less bullish than many analysts. U.S. Energy Information Administration said last week in its annual winter forecast that residential heating oil bills will average eight percent lower than last year's lofty level, when the emergency crude oil stockpile was left untapped. Weather forecasters said in a consensus view last week that the U.S. will likely see a winter that is in line with last year, with the chilliest temperatures in the Midwest and normal temperatures in the Northeast.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A21002-2003Oct 13.html>

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## **Chemical Sector**

3. *October 14, Associated Press* — **Hundreds evacuated after ammonia leak.** A leak at the Natural Country Farms juice company plant in Ellington, CT, sent a cloud of ammonia over town early Tuesday, leading to the evacuation of about 1,000 people. **The leak from a tank was reported about 2 a.m. but wasn't plugged until around seven hours later, officials said.** The leak developed after a 2-inch pipe flange came loose in an area where 8,000 gallons of anhydrous ammonia, used as a refrigerant, is stored, fire officials said. Crews in chemical protection suits were sent in to stop the leak. "It's going to clean itself up once we ventilate," Assistant Fire Chief Gary Feldman said. "It's not like an oil spill, where we've got a bunch of gunk to clean up. It's just going to dissipate." Environmental tests found that even in areas of heavy concentrations of the ammonia, the gas didn't reach a level considered dangerous, officials said. **Earlier, police knocked on doors in this northeastern Connecticut**

town to notify people of the leak. About 1,000 people left their homes; some decided to stay and were allowed to do so. One plant employee was taken to a hospital for treatment and four residents with pre-existing medical conditions were taken to hospitals as a precaution, Feldman said. The state Department of Environmental Protection had people at the scene and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency had been notified, he said.

Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2003/US/Northeast/10/14/ammonia.leak.ap/>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

4. *October 14, Los Angeles Times* — **Rumsfeld plans to close dozens of military bases.** Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld is planning to cut at least 100 of the nation's 425 military bases beginning in 2005, Pentagon insiders said Monday, October 13. **Rumsfeld is expected to submit to the congressional Base Closure and Realignment Commission a plan to shutter as many as one-third of Army bases, one-quarter of Air Force bases and a smaller percentage of Marine Corps and Navy bases,** a senior defense official said on condition of anonymity. Under legislation passed in 2002, Rumsfeld is required by May 16, 2005, to prepare a list of bases to be closed or realigned, and the nine-member Base Closure and Realignment Commission is due to submit its list to the White House by September 8, 2005. A vote by a simple majority of the nine is all that is needed to keep any base on the closing list. If President Bush accepts the list, the closures become law in 45 days unless Congress blocks. **The more activities a base performs -- if more than one service is housed there, if it is a command post, or if it is home to Reserve and National Guard units, for instance -- the less likely it is to be closed.**

Source: <http://www.bayarea.com/mld/cctimes/news/7009359.htm>

5. *October 14, Washington Post* — **Navy agrees to injunction limiting sonar use.** The U.S. Navy will drastically limit the use of a controversial low-frequency sonar system, which environmental groups say disorients and kills endangered whales and other species, under a court agreement disclosed Monday, October 13. Even as it accepted a permanent injunction against most applications of the new sonar, however, the Navy said it will press for final action on pending modifications to the Marine Mammal Protection Act and other laws to allow it to deploy the system more widely. **The low-frequency sonar can detect modern, quiet submarines over long distances.**

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A19993-2003Oct 13.html>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

6. *October 14, Reuters* — **U.S. Treasury says Pakistani charity a terror front.** The U.S. Treasury on Tuesday, October 14, accused Al Akhtar Trust, a Pakistan-based charity, of being a terror financier, saying it aided Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network and had tried to raise money for attacks in Iraq. "Shutting down this organization will cripple yet another source of support for terrorists and possibly help undermine the financial backing of

terrorists staging attacks against American troops and Iraqi civilians in Iraq," Treasury Secretary John Snow said in a statement. **By placing the group on a list with 320 other individuals, groups and businesses, the Treasury is requiring U.S. banks to examine their records and freeze any assets found in the group's name.** The United States will also submit the list to the United Nations in an effort to make the freeze effort global. According to Treasury, the organization secretly treated members of al Qaeda wounded in fighting in Afghanistan and Pakistan in 2001. Treasury also said it had information as of March 2003 that an unidentified associate of the group was attempting to raise money to finance "jihad" in Iraq. Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A24997-2003Oct\\_14.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A24997-2003Oct_14.html)

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## **Transportation Sector**

7. *October 14, CNN* — **Homeland Security warns of 'pillow' bombs. The Department of Homeland Security on Tuesday confirmed terrorists have discussed using stuffed animals, pillows and clothing to smuggle explosives aboard commercial airliners. The explosive -- nitrocellulose -- is a propellant for ammunition and some rockets and is extremely flammable when packed in a sturdy container.** The department issued a warning about the possible use of nitrocellulose on August 8 to airport managers, state and local law enforcement and border agents after receiving "actionable intelligence" that al Qaeda or other terrorist groups were trying to exploit this explosive method. Tuesday was the first day the media reported the warning. **"This is just another example of us reminding screeners and security professionals of the tactics al Qaeda may use," said Homeland Security spokesman Brian Roehrka.** While nitrocellulose is not detectable by airport X-ray machines, it can be detected by trace detection machines that are used as backups at passenger screening checkpoints. Trace detection involves the screener rubbing a swab over the jacket or toy or laptop computer and testing the swab for explosive residue. Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2003/US/10/14/pillow.bomb/>
8. *October 14, Associated Press* — **NTSB says warnings to slow down sent prior to derailment.** Two warnings to slow down were relayed to a Chicago Metra train that derailed while switching tracks at more than 60 mph, federal investigators said Monday. **National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigators say they are trying to determine whether errors by the engineer or problems with train-control signals caused the Sunday afternoon derailment that sent 45 people to area hospitals.** Investigators were planning to interview the train's engineer on Tuesday, NTSB investigator Jim Remines said. Officials have already met with the train dispatcher and conductor. The dispatcher who was directing the train told investigators that a warning signal to reduce speed and a second signal to slow to 10 mph were sent, Remines said. The train was traveling "in excess of 60 miles per hour" in a zone where it should have been going 10 miles per hour, he said. Source: [http://abclocal.go.com/wls/news/101403\\_ap\\_ns\\_ntsbmetra.html](http://abclocal.go.com/wls/news/101403_ap_ns_ntsbmetra.html)
9. *October 14, Associated Press* — **Los Angeles buses, trains halt as mechanics go on strike. Mechanics for the nation's third-largest public transportation system went on strike Tuesday, shutting down buses and trains that an estimated 500,000 daily riders count on to get around Los Angeles County. Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)**

**mechanics walked off the job after midnight, and union officials said bus drivers, train operators and other workers would honor picket lines, halting some 1,900 buses, as well as light-rail and subway lines.** "The strike will continue indefinitely, until we get a contract," Neil Silver, president of the Amalgamated Transit Union, said early Tuesday by telephone. He was speaking from a picket line where he had joined about 50 members of the union, which represents some 2,200 MTA employees. More than a dozen maintenance workers waived picket signs after midnight at an MTA center in West Hollywood where buses are cleaned and refueled. "We just dropped everything," said David Wilson, 26, of Los Angeles. **The parties are at odds over the mechanics union's health fund, which is in dire financial shape.** The union wants greater contributions from the MTA to cope with soaring medical costs. The MTA pays nearly \$17 million every year into the fund, which is administered by the union and pays for the medical coverage of 2,000 employees and retirees.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/money/industries/2003-10-14-la-trans it x.htm>

- 10. *October 14, Associated Press* — Boston airport to test cargo-screening technology.** Logan International Airport will become the first in the country to electronically screen cargo before it is loaded on commercial flights as part of a test program. **In the 30-day program to begin Tuesday, a mammoth screening machine will scan full truckloads of cargo at the Boston airport for explosives, addressing what many people say is a gaping hole in the government's response to the September 11 attacks.** While the Transportation Security Administration has focused on passenger and baggage screening, only a small percentage of cargo is checked before being shipped in cargo or passenger planes. According to the General Accounting Office, about 22% of air cargo transported in the United States is carried aboard passenger planes. Logan has worked aggressively to become a security leader since the terrorist attacks, which were launched with the help of two planes hijacked from the airport. The airport was the first major airport to install a permanent screening program for all checked baggage.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2003-10-13-airport-cargo -screening x.htm>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

- 11. *October 14, Datamonitor* — DHL consolidates its U.S. operations. Deutsche Post's express carrier subsidiary DHL has announced it will permanently locate its U.S. headquarters in Florida and will integrate its operations under the umbrella name DHL Express. This implies that the name Airborne will disappear and its head office in Seattle will be closed. The consolidation will be carried out over the next 12-15 months.** The precise details will be unveiled in the first quarter of next year. Florida's location in the eastern time zone was a major factor in the company's decision to fully locate there. According to DHL spokeswoman Kim Levy, an East Coast headquarters will make working with the company's Latin America and European operations easier, as they will be located in the same time zone. DHL bought Airborne last August for \$1.1 billion to bolster its position against FedEx and UPS, the two largest U.S. parcel delivery service companies. The DHL/Airborne relationship was one of two pillars of DHL's U.S. strategy, the other being its partnership with Astar, previously DHL Airways, which is the subject of FedEx/UPS legal action. It remains to be seen how the company will react if the Department of Transportation rules against it, as this would present the company with serious problems regarding its ownership of both Astar and Airborne.



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## **Agriculture Sector**

12. *October 14, Mercury News* — **Fungicide approved for oak trees. The California Department of Pesticide Regulation has given its approval to the use of an anti-fungal chemical to combat sudden oak death.** The chemical, phosphorous acid, has been used for more than a decade against fungal infections in 84 other species of plants. But it is the first tool to combat the type of fungus that causes sudden oak death. Although not a cure-all, it could mean the difference between life and death for susceptible trees, especially if given before or just after infection. Initially, the manufacturer and state regulators are urging that its use be limited to licensed tree care professionals. **Caused by a fungus-like organism called *Phytophthora ramorum*, sudden oak death was first noticed in California in 1995 and has since spread to at least 22 types of plants, particularly tanbark oak, coast live oak, Shreve's oak, black oak, and canyon live oak.** The fungus, which is spread by wind and rain, creates cankers under the bark of the tree trunk, often killing it.

Source: <http://www.bayarea.com/mld/mercurynews/news/7009417.htm>

13. *October 13, Wisconsin Ag Connection* — **Farm tests positive for CWD. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been discovered in a whitetail deer from a game farm and hunting preserve in Portage County.** The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture announced on Friday that a male whitetail deer shot in mid-September at the Buckhorn Flats Game Farm of Almond tested positive for the fatal brain disease. The buck was tested because of the mandatory CWD testing rules put in place April 2002 for all farm-raised deer. A preliminary record check indicates that the positive deer was likely purchased in early September from Poff's Wild Acres in Beloit, WI. **The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture has placed that deer herd under quarantine.**

Source: <http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-state.cfm?Id=1224 &yr=2003>

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## **Food Sector**

14. *October 14, CIDRAP* — **Illness cluster shows risks posed by chitterlings. A recent cluster of *Yersinia enterocolitica* infections in Chicago infants illustrates the risks associated with preparing and eating chitterlings, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Nine infants had gastroenteritis linked with *Y enterocolitica* in November and December of 2002, the CDC said. Only one child had no history of exposure to chitterlings.** The other eight had spent time in a household where chitterlings were prepared, and one of them had eaten the dish. Six of the babies were hospitalized, with a median stay of 5 days, according to the report. The illness was limited to gastroenteritis, and all nine infants recovered. *Y enterocolitica* is transferred from raw chitterlings to infants via the hands of caretakers. **The incidence of *Y enterocolitica* gastroenteritis has been decreasing for years, the CDC says. The FoodNet program, involving active surveillance for**

foodborne diseases in all or parts of nine states, reported 0.44 cases per 100,000 population in 2002.

Source: [http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/fs/food-disease/new\\_s/oct1303yersinia.html](http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/fs/food-disease/new_s/oct1303yersinia.html)

15. *October 14, Illinois Ag Connection* — **University violated safety laws with transgenic pigs. The U.S. government has determined the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign failed to comply with safety laws when it allowed offspring of animals used in a genetic experiment to be sold as food. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) discovered in February 2003 that 386 pigs born from pigs used in a study might have entered the food supply.** The pigs in the experiment had genes from different species, but the university said the offspring didn't. The FDA determined there was no health risk. In two similar letters sent last week to university officials, FDA stressed that it has never allowed genetically engineered animals into the food supply. "Nevertheless, you released at least 386 pigs from (testing) for sale for slaughter as human food," FDA wrote. The university has 15 days to respond. FDA officials warned that if a response isn't received, the agency could take further action, such as imposing fines. **Melanie J. Loots, the university's associate vice chancellor for research, said the school is working to ensure a similar incident doesn't happen.**

Source: [http://www.illinoisagconnection.com/story-state.cfm?Id=787&y\\_r=2003](http://www.illinoisagconnection.com/story-state.cfm?Id=787&y_r=2003)

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## **Water Sector**

16. *October 14, Associated Press* — **Tennessee urges well users to test water. State solid-waste officials are warning all Tennessee residents who get their drinking water from wells to have the wells routinely tested for pollution.** The state recently confirmed that at least four private wells in Dickson County are contaminated with high levels of trichloroethylene, or TCE. The chemical, which is used as a metal degreaser, has been linked to an increased risk of cancer. TCE was buried at the local landfill in Dickson County until 1973. Dickson County wasn't alone in allowing industrial concerns to bury toxic chemicals at its landfill. **Before 1980, there were no limits on the type of waste that could be dumped in landfills, said state Solid Waste Director Mike Apple. That changed with the tightening of regulations, but not before many pollutants seeped into the ground, where they will be contaminating groundwater across Tennessee for years to come. Up to half of all Tennessee wells and springs tested by the state and federal government have been tainted by the presence of some sort of contamination, Apple said.**

Source: [http://www.knoxnews.com/kns/state/article/0.1406.KNS\\_348\\_234\\_5277.00.html](http://www.knoxnews.com/kns/state/article/0.1406.KNS_348_234_5277.00.html)

17. *October 14, Press-Enterprise* — **Water agencies boost spending for security. Inland cities and water districts, in California, are spending millions to improve security. These measures are in addition to fencing and intruder alarms installed after September 11. Some agencies have spent less than \$100,000, others from \$500,000 to \$6 million.** "You have to weigh the potential risk versus the amount of money available to do it," Randy Van Gelder, assistant general manager of San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, said. Some residents could see higher water rates as a result, although water officials said they hope to fund most new security costs from reserve or capital-improvement funds. The amount of increases can't be determined until agencies decide what measures to adopt. More than 40

Inland city water departments and independent districts are scrutinizing their facilities as a requirement of federal bioterrorism legislation Congress passed last year. **While water officials don't rule out the possibility of attempts to contaminate water supplies, the bigger risks are damaged pipelines and other infrastructure or disrupted computer systems, they said. Disaster drills that once anticipated natural disasters or chemical spills now include sabotaged distribution systems, water managers said.**

Source: [http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE\\_NEWS\\_narisk14.57ce7.html](http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE_NEWS_narisk14.57ce7.html)

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## **Public Health Sector**

### **18. *October 14, New York Times* — Researchers get their first close-up look at West Nile virus.**

The first high resolution images of the West Nile virus show something that looks like a minuscule golf ball. The virus is just one five-hundred-thousandth of an inch wide. **Detailed information about the structure of West Nile could help scientists understand its unusual life cycle. That information should help researchers pinpoint West Nile's vulnerabilities and develop drugs to disarm it.** The researchers deduced more about the location of atoms within West Nile based on its close resemblance to the virus that causes dengue fever, another mosquito-borne disease. "It's a very different disease, but it's a very similarly organized virus particle," said Richard J. Kuhn, a professor of biological sciences at Purdue University. The main differences between dengue and West Nile probably lie in the proteins that make up their outer shells, he said. The proteins' shapes determine which types of cells the viruses can infiltrate. **Kuhn said the researchers would next try to determine how the body's immune system defends against West Nile. "I think that will give us some insights how antibodies will actually neutralize the virus," he said.**

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/10/14/health/14VIRU.html>

### **19. *October 14, Canadian Press* — National Microbiology Lab to expand. Two of Winnipeg, Canada's top research centers are partnering to tackle infectious diseases and to play a greater role in battling bioterror. The proposal involves adding another wing to the National Microbiology Lab where scientists could look inside parcels and live animals to identify bioterrorist agents without opening a package and detect infections in an animal before symptoms appear.** "Nothing like this exists anywhere in the world," said Mike Jackson of the other research center involved, the Institute for Biodiagnostics. The proposed \$6 million fourth pod at the north end of the microbiology lab would be equipped with a \$2 million MRI, \$1 million worth of fluorescent imaging equipment, and a Level 3 biocontainment lab. The imaging technology would be used to study infectious diseases in live animals or see inside containers that might contain dangerous substances. Word of the project's potential has already generated almost \$300,000 worth of research investment from private companies in Canada, the United Kingdom, and elsewhere. The infectious disease imaging project would only require the ground floor of a new wing, leaving room on higher floors to expand the lab's capacity, respond to the next SARS-like outbreak, and do more blood safety work.

Source: <http://www.globetechnology.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20031014.gtresearchoct14/BNStory/Technology/>

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## Government Sector

20. *October 14, v* — **First Homeland Security tech incubator opens. The Chesapeake Innovation Center (CIC), the nation's first incubator dedicated to homeland security technology solutions, has opened in Annapolis, MD, with 80 percent of its space already leased. The seven companies' industry expertise includes biodefense, communication and information technology solutions.** The companies were competitively selected from more than 100 applicants from across the country. CIC client companies each receive value-added services based on an incubation model that aims to increase their likelihood of success. They have access to a network of investor resources and industry and business expertise, in addition to the CIC Partners. Each CIC applicant follows a four-step application process that reviews business potential, technical merit, commercial viability, quality of the management team and potential economic impact to the region. Application materials are screened and qualified by the CIC management team for nomination. The CIC Advisory Committee, a 21-member body comprised of business and government experts, reviews and advises nominated applicants for admission.

Source: <http://www.enterpriseitplanet.com/security/news/article.php/3091541>

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## Emergency Services Sector

21. *October 14, Lawrence Journal–World (Kansas)* — **State office building near Kansas Capitol evacuated. Four people were taken to the hospital today and hundreds evacuated from the Docking state office building after a foul odor was detected. Firefighters, police and military responded to the incident at Docking, which houses about 2,000 state employees and is located across the street from the Capitol in Lawrence.** The smell was noticed after a package was opened that contained motor vehicle title and registration documents mailed to the Kansas Department of Revenue, authorities said. The documents are regularly sent to the department from counties around the state. After the package was opened in the morning, several workers complained of a strong odor that was described as smelling like bug spray, or gasoline or motor vehicle exhaust, Lt. John Eichkorn of the Kansas Highway Patrol said. One woman was taken to a hospital suffering watery eyes and a scratchy throat, officials said. She was later released. Then, three more women were taken to a hospital, complaining of headaches and nausea. **"The next step is to figure out what it is the office folks were smelling," Eichkorn said.** Authorities had halted traffic on two blocks of the street running on the east side of the building, and asked employees to stay nearby until they could determine what the substance was that had caused the smell.

Source: <http://www.ljworld.com/section/stateregional/story/148595>

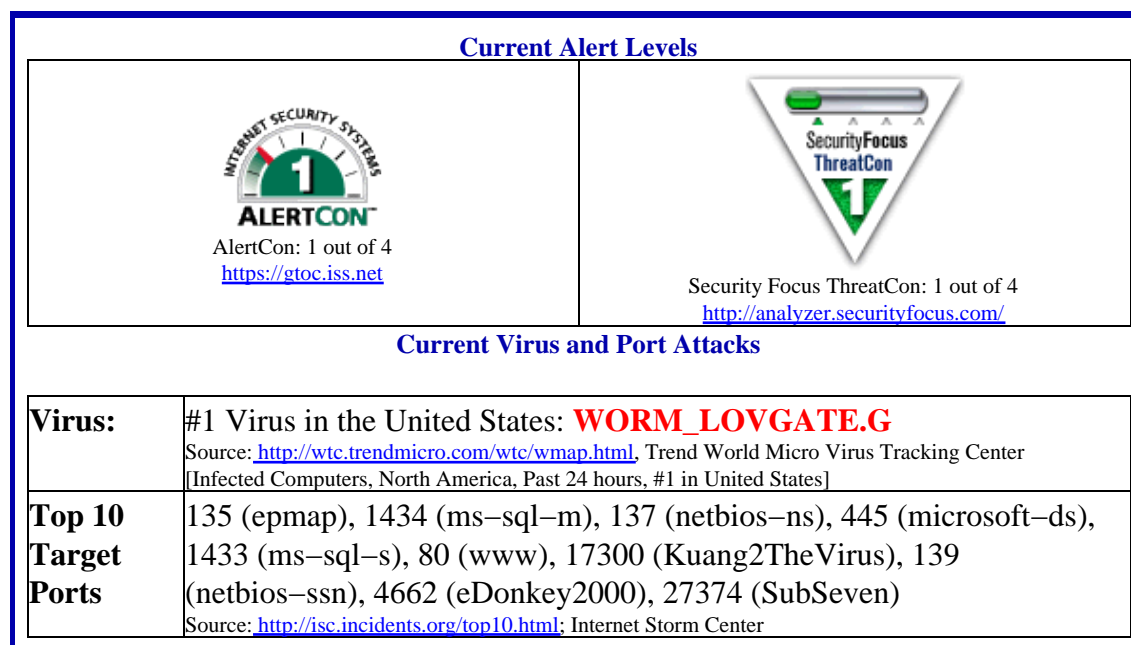
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## Information and Telecommunications Sector

22.

*October 14, Federal Computer Week* — **NIST releases security guides.** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) last week released guidelines for federal agencies to address areas such as the basics of choosing security products and developing security training and awareness. **The five final special publications range from technical descriptions to high-level guidance aimed at agency executives.** They have been circulating for several months in draft form and represent the latest in a series of guides meant to help agencies with issues in the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) of 2002 and highlighted by the Office of Management and Budget. The special publications are available on the NIST Website: <http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/>  
Source: <http://fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/1013/web-nist-10-14-03.asp>

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## General Sector

**23. *October 14, Reuters* — Suicide bomb at Turkey embassy in Baghdad.** A suicide bomber killed himself and a bystander and wounded thirteen when his car exploded outside the Turkish embassy in Baghdad Tuesday, October 14, the U.S. military said. **Turkey's parliament last week agreed to send troops to join American and other foreign troops trying to stabilize Iraq after the invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein in April. Iraqi guerrillas have attacked U.S. troops and foreign and Iraqi targets seen as linked to the U.S.-led occupation of the country.**

Source: <http://reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml;jsessionid=CVGGF1YVEH3AMCRBAE0CFFA?type=worldNews&storyID=3610191>

**24. *October 14, Reuters* — Tanks shield Bolivia president from growing revolt.** Dozens of tanks ringed Bolivia's presidential palace Tuesday, October 14, to shield the besieged government

from an expected worsening of violence after weeks of a popular revolt that has killed at least 52 people. **The unrest has been spearheaded by Bolivia's indigenous majority, which has accused President Sanchez de Lozada of pandering to the U.S. government's war on drugs and failing to improve living standards in South America's poorest nation. The latest round of protests was triggered by a government plan to export natural gas to the United States.** Sanchez de Lozada abandoned the gas export project on Monday, October 13, but protest leaders said the gesture came too late to save his government.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/international/international-bolivia-protests.html>

25. *October 13, Associated Press* — **U.S. surveillance planes scour jungles ahead of Bush visit. The U.S. military has deployed surveillance planes to scour jungles in the Philippines for al Qaeda-linked guerrillas posing a threat to American counterterrorism trainers,** officials said October 13. U.S. Navy Capt. Dennis Williams said the U.S. aircraft were deployed at the Philippines' request, primarily to provide intelligence that could bolster Manila's war on terrorism. The heightened security comes ahead of a visit Saturday by President Bush and after **the Philippines scored a victory in the war on terrorism by killing Fathur Roman Al-Ghozi, one of the most wanted terrorist suspects in Asia, a top bombmaker for the regional group Jemaah Islamiyah.** Al-Ghozi was serving a 12-year prison sentence when he slipped out of the heavily secured police intelligence building on July 14 with two suspected members of the Abu Sayyaf, setting off fears of new attacks. Focused on the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Thailand, **the president's itinerary includes stops in the Philippines and Indonesia – both considered the most likely terror targets in the region – that will last only a few hours to cut security risks.**

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2003-10-13-philippines-bush-visit\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2003-10-13-philippines-bush-visit_x.htm)

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The Department of Homeland Security's Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection (IAIP) serves as a national critical infrastructure threat assessment, warning, vulnerability entity. The IAIP provides a range of bulletins and advisories of interest to information system security and professionals and those involved in protecting public and private infrastructures. By visiting the IAIP web-site (<http://www.nipc.gov>), one can quickly access any of the following DHS/IAIP products:

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